

Press release

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SABAF PRESENTS ITS FIRST SOCIAL REPORT
Seminar entitled “Social Report” held in Brescia
with the patronage of Brescia University

Sabaf, the Brescia company which is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of components for domestic gas-cooking appliances, chose the Economics Department of Brescia University to present its first Social Report during the course of a seminar devoted to this topic.

Sabaf is the first company in the Brescia area and one of the first in Italy to prepare a Social Report. This document reflects Sabaf’s desire to maintain relationships with stakeholders on the basis of fairness, clarity and openness. It also gives a concrete and visible form to the Company’s ongoing commitment to combine entrepreneurial spirit with social awareness, geared to innovation and respect for the legitimate expectations of those who are in any way involved in or affected by the Company’s operations.

From this point of view, the Social Report is not only a document that offers qualitative and quantitative information on the Company’s activities, but also a tool to monitor its strategy of social responsibility and the social climate in which it operates.

Speakers at the seminar included Daniela Salvioni – Professor of Corporate Economics at the Economics Faculty of Brescia University, Roberto Marziantonio – President of SEAN (Social & Ethical, Auditing & Accounting Network), Claudio Badalotti – Institute of Accountants of Milan, and Angelo Bettinzoli and Alberto Bartoli, respectively Managing Director and Financial Controller of Sabaf S.p.A.

“Our vision is that the long-standing vocation for value creation has to be combined with a commitment to improve the quality of life. From this point of view, the Social Report is a way of explaining this extra commitment that we have taken” – commented Angelo Bettinzoli during the course of the seminar. *“It is only thanks to that virtuous circle that combines economic development with environmental and social sustainability – concluded Bettinzoli – that it is possible for a company to ensure lasting growth over time.”*

Sabaf’s 2000 Social Report is now being sent to all of the Company’s main stakeholders in order to activate a constructive debate and generate feedback by means of a targeted questionnaire on the social usefulness of the Company’s strategic decisions.

The 2000 Social Report is also available on-line at www.Sabaf.it.

SABAF was founded in the early ‘50s and has grown constantly to become the leading manufacturer in Italy and one of the top manufacturers world-wide of components for cookers and domestic gas-cooking appliances. Production consists of three main product lines: valves, thermostats and burners, all used in gas-cooking appliances. The Company’s know-how, production flexibility and its ability to offer a wide range of components, often custom-made for individual manufacturers of cookers, hobs and built-in ovens in line with the individual specifications of the various reference markets, are fundamental points of strength for SABAF. This is a highly specialised sector, where demand is in constant evolution, increasingly geared to products that can guarantee absolute reliability and safety. The Company has around 440 employees, operating through the Parent Company SABAF S.p.A. and two subsidiaries: Faringosi Hinges, a leading manufacturer of oven and dishwasher hinges, and Sabaf do Brasil, which has just started up production of burners for the South American market. Sabaf also has a presence in China with a representative office in Shanghai. SABAF has been quoted on the electronic trading system of the Italian Stock Exchange since March 1998 and in April 2001 it joined the STAR (*Segmento Titoli con Alti Requisiti* – the segment for securities with high requisites).